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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

MMB Docket No. **1842-0029**

In re patent application of: **Pafford et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3733**

Serial No. **10/749,822**

Examiner: **Mary C. Hoffman**

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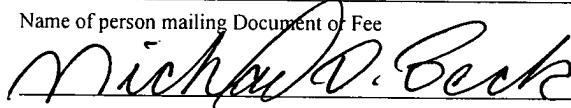
For: **Dynamic Spinal Stabilization System**

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After First Office Action in the above-identified patent application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Paid For	Fee Calculation	Addit Fee
Total Claims	24	30	0 x 25	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	5	0 X 100	\$0.00
Total Additional Fee Required				\$0.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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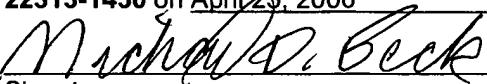
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